

Improvement in living conditions of Tribals in Jaspur District of M.P.

2452. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether collective farming has improved the lot of tribals in Jaspur district of Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, the measures proposed to experiment it in other Tribal Districts of the country to improve living conditions of Tribals?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Hostels Facilities for ST students

2453. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of hostels for Scheduled Tribe students actually constructed during 1998-99, State-wise and U.T.-wise;

(b) whether utilization certificates for completion of the projects were received; and

(c) if not, the action taken to ensure that Hostels facilities for S.T. boys and girls are actually implemented with the grants?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM): (a) During the year 1998-99 grants for construction of a total of 62 boys hostels and 83 girls hostels were sanctioned to State Governments and U.T. Administrations. The State U.T.-wise list is given in the attached statement (See below).

(b) The utilization certificate of completion of the hostels have not been received. However, it is reported that the construction work is in progress and the amount is being utilized.

(c) All the concerned State Governments and U.T.

Administrations have been advised to complete the construction work and submit the utilization certificate in time. Officers of the Ministry also visit various States/U.Ts from time to time for inspection.

STATEMENT

Boys Hostels and Girls Hostels for STs sanctioned during the year 1998-99

Sl. No.	Name of the State/UT	Boys Hostels	Girls Hostels
1.	Andhra Pradesh	4	20
2.	Assam	1	1
3.	Gujarat	7	7
4.	Himachal Pradesh	1	—
5.	Dadar & Nagar Haveli	1	2
6.	Kerala	3	3
7.	Madhya Pradesh	9	34
8.	Manipur	1	—
9.	Orissa	3	3
10.	Rajasthan	13	6
11.	Tripura	1	1
12.	Uttar Pradesh	2	1
13.	Karnataka	3	—
14.	Maharashtra	10	2
15.	Bihar	3	3
TOTAL		62	83

Inclusion of Koch Rajbanshi Community in the list of ST in Assam

2454. DR. (SHRIMATI) JOYASREE GOSWAMI MAHANTA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the status of the State of Assam's proposal for inclusion of Koch Rajbanshi Community in the list of ST for Assam.

(b) whether it is a fact that Koch Rajbanshi Community was